

**METHODS OF DETECTING DISSOCIATED NUCLEAR  
HORMONE RECEPTOR LIGANDS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention provides a method of  
5 identifying an effective agent that dissociates nuclear  
hormone receptor activities. The method includes the  
steps of contacting a nuclear hormone receptor with one  
or more agents under conditions suitable for forming a  
test complex containing nuclear hormone receptor dimer,  
10 coactivator and corepressor; assaying for coactivator  
association with the test complex; and assaying for  
corepressor association with the test complex, where  
coactivator association combined with corepressor  
association indicates that at least one of the agents is  
15 an effective agent that dissociates nuclear hormone  
receptor activities.